

## REMARKS

Applicant has studied the Final Office Action dated January 29, 2007, and makes the following remarks. No claims have been amended. No new matter has been added. It is submitted that the application, in view of the following remarks, is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

### Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 23-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art in view of Kikuta (JP 05040663). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The applicant respectfully asserts that the combination of the admitted prior art and Kikuta does not teach the invention of claim 1. Claim 1 discloses a read-only recording medium containing recorded data, wherein "the recorded data includes a first data type and a second data type, the first data type including user data, and the second data type being placed at a predetermined interval between first data types and not containing the user data...".

The applicant respectfully asserts that neither the admitted prior art nor Kikuta teaches a second data type being placed at a predetermined interval between first data types. Although Kikuta teaches both invalid data (second data type) and valid data (first data type) being written into each area of a CD-ROM and areas of a magnetic disk corresponding to those areas of the CD-ROM, respectively, there is no disclosure in Kikuta of where the invalid data is placed with respect to the valid data. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 and the claims dependent from claim 1 are allowable over the combination of the admitted prior art and Kikuta.

Claims 8 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art and Kikuta as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Kamoto et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,708,649). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

As previously asserted, independent claim 1 is allowable over the combination of the admitted prior art and Kikuta. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that Kamoto et al. fails to cure the deficiencies of the admitted prior art and Kikuta with respect to a second data type being placed at a predetermined interval between first data types, as recited in independent claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully asserted that independent claim 1 is allowable over the

cited references. It is further respectfully asserted that claims 8 and 10, which depend from claim 1, are also allowable over the cited references.

## CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks, Applicant submits that the present Amendment places all claims of the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

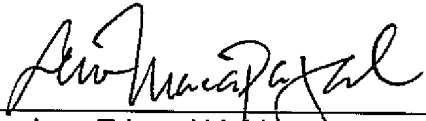
No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California, telephone number (213) 623-2221 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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